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1. When the communications company (rota svyazi) of the 135th Separate Air Warning Battalion was transferred to Rodaun (N 48-08, E 16-17), Austria, a four-storied stone building (Point 5, page 3), 20 m. x 20 m. with a gabled tile roof was turned over to [REDACTED] communication company to be used as quarters and an operations center. The building, of old construction, was located among residential houses occupied by Austrian civilians. [REDACTED] a Soviet Air Force photographic unit had been stationed here previously. [REDACTED] stamped "secret" along the edges. [REDACTED] individual aerial photographs of a certain area were pasted onto a large sheet of paper. The individual photographs varied in size and shape (triangular, rectangular, etc.). About 15 to 17 photographs composed one map, having been fitted together accurately. [REDACTED] the maps found were of different areas. Altitude from which the photographs were taken could not be estimated. Each map appeared to have one small town with its immediate surroundings. All names of towns were printed by hand in Russian at the bottom in heavy drawing ink. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the photos were originals and that the completed mosaic was meant to be reproduced later by a photographic process. [REDACTED]

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2. To explain the fact that classified material was left in an unoccupied building, [redacted] discipline in the photographic unit was very lax. [redacted]

3. [redacted] a roll of undeveloped film in a metal tube-like container with Russian inscriptions on it. The film was 19 cm. wide and 19 m. long as marked on the container. Another inscription read "Vskryvat i polnoy temnotye" (To be opened in complete darkness).

Many empty metal containers were found in the house. These containers bore German inscriptions. The width of the film was 36 cm.; this was written on the containers; length was unknown [redacted]

4. [redacted] four cases of "photo glass" stored in the basement of the house. The cases measured approximately 100 cm. x 25 cm. x 30 cm. and were made of wooden boards which were not painted and had no inscriptions. [redacted] a sheet of paper with the following words printed on it in Russian: ("Fotostekla" (photo glass)) The glass was covered with some thin paper, though not very carefully. The individual glass plates measured approximately 23 cm. x 28 cm. and were packed sideways. The number of plates in one case was unknown [redacted]. It seemed that each glass plate consisted of two thin glass plates, thickness unknown, glued together with some sort of substance which gave the glass plates a translucent appearance.

5. [redacted] the photo unit stationed here previously was moved to a new location slightly to the north.

6. [redacted] transmitting center (Point 1, page 3), a bombed-out antitank grenade factory. One single-storied wooden barrack was constructed for use as a transmitting station. Five VNOS personnel were stationed there permanently.

The mess hall was a stone building, three-storied, with a gabled tile roof, 40 m. x 25 m. x 15 m. In addition to the mess hall, this building housed an unidentified air force unit of company strength.

[redacted] a detachment of air force soldiers being marched to the mess hall. The detachment numbered 18 soldiers, all enlisted men. They wore the usual air force uniforms with no special insignia. [redacted] other air force soldiers that these men belonged to a photo unit which recently moved into the vicinity. The soldiers came from the east, along the road (Point 4, page 3), a description of which is not recalled.

[redacted] their duty station was located 300-500 m. east of the mess hall. [redacted] the airmen were from the unit which had previously occupied the four-storied stone building into which the Communications Company of the 135th Separate Air Warning Battalion (VNOS) moved in June 1954 (Point 5, page 3).

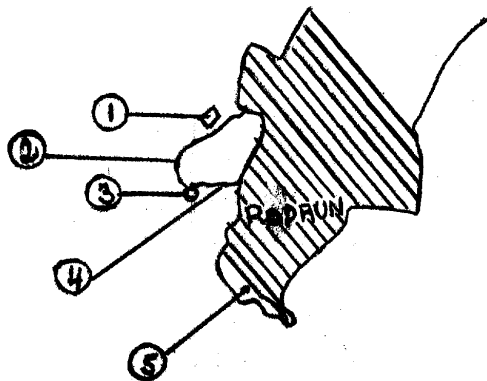
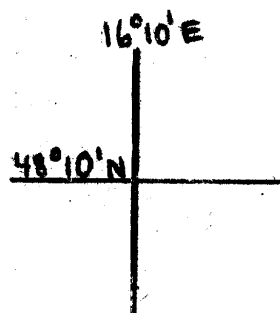
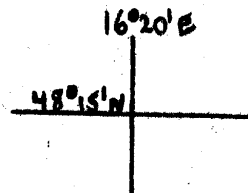
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Overlay of GSGS 4116, Sheet X-10,
Wiener Neustadt, Scale 1:100,000
Approximate pinpoint of previous and
present location of a Soviet Air Force
photo detachment near Rodaun.



1. Transmitting Station
2. Dirt road, 3-4 meters wide
3. Mess hall
4. Road, description not recalled
5. 4-storied stone building occupied in June 1954 by Communications
Company of 135th Separate Air Warning Battalion